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	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER C		EXTENSION 8945	
	OTHER				
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9 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DDP/FG

SUBJECT : Renewal of Projects AEPGLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN

1. Projects AEPGLE, AEFLAG and AEBASIN, which cover CA activities directed into Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, are submitted herewith for renewal for the period 1 July 1960 to 30 June 1961.

2. The purpose of this covering memorandum is to indicate the interrelationship of the attached Projects which, although kept separate because of operational and organization considerations, are nevertheless part of an over-all Baltic CA program of growing significance.

3. During the past year the Baltic States have been receiving constantly increasing attention in the press of the Free World. This began early in 1960 when it became possible to travel to all three Baltic countries. Throughout 1960, world-wide interest and sympathy have been attracted by Free World Balts as they have observed by their protests the Twentieth Anniversary of the Communist takeover of their countries (Herbert Hoover heads a committee of prominent Americans who support this cause). Since September of this year the position of the Baltic States as victims of Soviet Colonialism has been stressed repeatedly by Free World leaders, especially in the United Nations. Another encouraging factor is the fact that after years of scanty information, SR/2 has received a steady flow of reports, since the summer of 1959, which point up the extensive, deep-rooted and openly pro-American and anti-Russian attitudes of Soviet Balts, both young and old. These reports emanated from the Balts who came in contact in large numbers with Americans at the U.S. Exhibit in Moscow in 1959, from individuals who have travelled to and from the Baltic States during the past year, and from individuals who have emigrated recently from the Baltic States to join relatives in the West.

4. The above factors plus other long-standing conditions make the Baltic States a unique issue for propaganda exploitation and probably the weakest chink in the propaganda armor of the Soviet Union. Some of these other conditions are:

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- a. The United States and other Free World countries have not recognized the Soviet aggression against and arbitrary annexation of the Baltic States but rather continue to recognize the independence of these three countries and maintain formal relations with their pre-World War II diplomatic missions.
 - b. The Balts have a very strong feeling of identification with the culture and history of Western Europe and, in addition, have especially strong ties with and an admiration of America.
 - c. The Baltic emigration in the Free World is numerically very large and the ties between these Balts and their countrymen in the Baltic States are very close. Furthermore the Free World Balts are doing much to maintain a free Baltic culture; they possess an extensive press and, in general, continue to maintain their identity as distinct communities.
 - d. Not only are people from the West now able to travel to the Baltic States but the Soviets have in the past year begun to allow a substantial number of Balts to travel to the West where they can be contacted more easily.
5. In recognition of the great potential in the Baltic CA field, SR/2/Baltic is developing a unified program to begin by 1961 which will exploit the Baltic issue as fully as possible in both its political and operational aspects.

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Chief, SR Division

Attachments: h/v
Projects ANFOLE, ANFIAS, and ANBASIN

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REQUEST FOR CA PROJECT RENEWAL

1. TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: ☐ ☐
2. AMOUNT IN WHICH PROJECT WAS INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAM: ☐ ☐ .*

(*A separate project amounting to ☐ ☐ is being submitted for ☐ ☐ , a career agent, who had previously been carried under this project on a temporary basis.)

3. STATEMENT OF FUNDS APPROVED AND OBLIGATED BY FISCAL YEAR SINCE PROJECT INITIATION:

	<u>APPROVED</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>OBLIGATED</u>
a. 1957 -	[]	DD/P	[]
b. 1958 -		OPF	
c. 1959 -		OPF	
d. 1960 -		Chief, DDF/PG	

4. PROJECT DATA:

a. Current objectives.

(1) Project AEVLAC covers the following activities directed against the Latvian SSR: radio broadcasts, mailing operations, controlled correspondence operations, CA missions for mounted and "piggy-back" REDSKIN operations, REDSKIN contact operations in the West, development of operations through emigre organizations, publication or acquisition of propaganda literature for use in REDSKIN and mailing operations, exploitation of other media such as demonstrations which have CA potential, and conduct of special operations and campaigns as required. In operations conducted through these media the following objectives are being pursued:

- (a) to preserve the national identity of the Latvian people, thereby helping them to resist assimilation into the Soviet society.
- (b) to maintain among the Latvian people an attitude of irreconcilability toward International Communism and the Soviet regime dominating Latvia today.
- (c) to maintain and enhance the pro-Western and pro-American orientation of the Latvian people.

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- (d) to encourage revisionist tendencies among Latvian Communists.
 - (e) to foster evolutionary changes by encouraging the Latvian people to seek continuous concessions from the Soviet regime in Latvia.
 - (f) to contribute by all possible means to the growth of intellectual ferment among the Latvian people.
- (2) Operational mechanisms.
- (a) Latvian section at Radio Madrid (Radio Nacional de Espana).
 - (b) Institute of Latvian Culture (cover organization in New York which sponsors broadcasts from Madrid).
 - (c) Broadcast facilities for Latvian broadcasts from Radio Rome have been promised by Radio Rome officials as soon as facilities are available in FY 1961.
 - (d) The World Latvian Association and the American Latvian Association (the most important international and American Latvian organizations - access is through AEFLAG/4 who is the president of both organizations).
 - (e) DAUGAVAS VAKARI (a Latvian veterans organization with headquarters in Germany - access is through ANCHAGE/3, the head of the organization and ARVILIO/2, an active U.S. leader and an editor of DAUGAVAS VAKARI, the official publication of the organization).

(3) Targets.

The target of the project is the Latvian people in Latvia; however, the Russian people are also considered to be an additional target for operations which can be directed at them through the Latvian people.

b. Changes in operational mechanism.

It is expected that Latvian language broadcasts from Radio Rome will be inaugurated during the current fiscal year.

c. Intelligence production.

Intelligence obtained through Project AEFLAG has been of value to REDSKIN operations and has included the acquisition of biographic and travel information as well as of REDSKIN leads themselves.

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d. Analysis of effectiveness.

(1) Significant operational events:

- (a) Radio broadcasts were continued from Radio Madrid with a 15 minute original broadcast and a 15 minute repeat per day. In December 1959 an appeal was broadcast requesting those individuals in the Latvian SSR who listened to the broadcasts to inform the station by writing a letter to one of two addresses in the West. Ten replies were received in response to this request. All of the replies commented favorably on the broadcasts.
- (b) The Twentieth Anniversary of the takeover of Latvia by the Soviets was commemorated in the Free World. The commemoration included parade demonstrations arranged in conjunction with the other two Soviet occupied Baltic countries, articles in the press and radio programs depicting present conditions in Latvia under Soviet rule as compared to the period of independence, and song and dance festivals featuring Latvian folk songs and music of the independent period.
- (c) Two Latvian HEDGECOCK agents were briefed on CA matters by the Baltic CA desk.
- (d) CA questionnaires were prepared in the Latvian, English and German languages and sent to those Field stations in whose areas of jurisdiction Latvian emigres have congregated and where Soviet Latvians might be expected to visit. The questionnaires are intended for use in debriefing Soviet Latvian travelers and repatriates and briefing travelers from the West to the Latvian SSR.

(2) Consonance with National Security Council Directives.

Activities under AEFILAG are in line with NSC 5412/2, Covert Operations, NSC 5906/1.

e. Cover, control and security.

There were no significant changes in the cover, control and security of this project during FY 1960.

f. Assessment of indigenous agents.

There is no individual who could be considered a principal agent for this project. There are no indigenous agents utilized primarily under this project.

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g. American project personnel.*

(1) Headquarters

2 Case Officers
1 Career agent
1 Contract employee

(2) Field

1 Contract agent

*All case officers and the career agent spend from 1/4 to 1/3 of their time on Project AMFLAG.

h. Liaison with intelligence services.

There has been no liaison with any intelligence services.

i. Interagency coordination.

No interagency coordination has been required.

j. Plans for the ensuing year.

(1) It is anticipated that there will be an increase in travel to and from Latvia in the coming year over last year based on the following information:

- (a) In addition to Riga, Riga Beach (which includes the towns of Riga Jurmala, Sloka and Kemeri) is now open to foreigners for travel.
- (b) Construction of tourist facilities in Latvia continues.
- (c) The number of Soviet Latvians traveling to the West has increased over last year.

Because of these facts which promise an increase in REDSKIN operations, the SR/2 Baltic Section is continuing to place major emphasis on the GA aspects of REDSKIN operations.

(2) REDSKIN operations.

These operations are being handled in close cooperation with the FI personnel of the Latvian desk. Plans are continuing for mounting operations from both the United States and Western Europe and, in addition, the operational potential of Balts living in other parts of the world is being investigated.

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(3) Radio operations.

No action was taken this past year to terminate AEFLAG/1 as had been planned. The reason for this was that the only other employee of the Latvian Radio Section in Madrid was ill a considerable part of the year and we therefore could not dispense with AEFLAG/1's services. However, it is planned that in FY 1961 AEFLAG/1 will be replaced with an individual recruited in Europe. Guidance for the radio programs was furnished the Latvian section in Madrid this past year and some improvement in the broadcasts has been noted. AEFLAG/4, who visited in Europe this summer, stated upon his return that in conversations with Italian radio officials he was advised that Latvian radio broadcasts from Radio Rome would readily be authorized as soon as expanding radio facilities makes this possible.

(4) Emigre organization activities.

Contact was effected through AEFLAG/4 with the World Latvian Organization and the American Latvian Organization and with the Latvian Veterans Organization, DAUGAVAS VANAGI, through the chief of the organization, for operations including REDSKIN spotting and contact operations, support of radio broadcasts, demonstrations and political action. Although no action was taken this past year, it is still planned to contact selected leaders in the American Latvian Youth Organization for similar purposes.

(5) Controlled correspondence operations.

Plans to develop controlled correspondence did not materialize this past year; however, it is still planned to develop controlled correspondence operations utilizing Latvian youth, students and intellectuals to achieve eventual REDSKIN operations and to get CIA material into Latvia as well as to obtain biographic, postal and other information.

(6) Mailing operations.

- (a) Mass mailing operations have been discontinued and only special mailings will be carried out targeted at specific groups or individuals.
- (b) Special campaigns such as the letters to West German newspapers concerning Khrushchev's statement on a non-aggression pact will be continued when feasible.
- (c) The use of Soviet Latvians to distribute Russian language propaganda material is still being investigated.

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- (d) An operation involving printing in the West and periodic mailing from inside Latvia of a pamphlet ostensibly coming from a liberal intellectual group or a strongly nationalistic group is still under study.

(7) Smuggled literature.

A program for the collection of manuscripts written by Soviet Latvian writers and smuggled out of the Latvian SSR is being conducted. These manuscripts are intended for publication in the West and for distribution both in the West and possibly inside Latvia. One manuscript was obtained during the past year but, because it reflected too conservative an outlook, it has not been published.

(8) Special campaigns.

A continuation of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Soviet Takeover of Latvia campaign will be carried on throughout calendar year 1960. New campaigns will be initiated as issues arise. (See cover memorandum.)

- (9) Purposes for which funds in excess of the obligated amount for FY 1960 are required.

Not applicable.

k. Estimated expenses:

(1) Personnel:

(a)	2 US/GA - <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 6,600.00
	ANFLAG/1	6,000.00
(b)	1 FH/FA (unwitting) - ANFLAG/2	1,000.00
(c)	2 FH/FA (to be hired)	4,800.00
(d)	Quarters for ANFLAG/1	1,500.00

(2) Supplies, material and equipment:

(a)	Radio scripts and translations	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Books and periodicals	
(c)	Office rent and expenses	

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- (d) Printing of propaganda booklets, pamphlets, etc. \$
- (3) Other operational expenses:
 - (a) Purchase of services and information
 - (b) Area travel for Field agents
 - (c) Field case officer travel
 - (d) Domestic travel for Headquarters case officers, contract agents and covert associates
 - (e) Mailing operations
 - (f) Special campaign on the Twentieth Anniversary of the Communist Takeover of Latvia
 - (g) Special campaign exploiting the Colonialism issue
 - (h) Entertainment of covert associates
- (4) Payments made to the BFIA, ALA, the Institute of Latvian Culture, and DAUGAVAS VANAGI for specific operations to include contacting legal travelers, special radio campaigns, demonstrations, political action by emigre leaders, etc.

TOTAL

1. Field direction.

No field case officer is presently handling the field direction of AEFILAG Project although case officers at Madrid and Rome may be expected to give some support to Headquarters-directed activities.

5. D&TO ACTIVITIES

None.

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